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Reinhart ready for challenge in Easton

SAFER SCHOOLS, ACHIEVEMENT among interim leader's goals.

BY PETER PANEPINTO
The Express-Times

FORKS TWP. | John Reinhart has a lot on his plate.

He was appointed the Easton Area School District's interim superintendent in May, started the job in July, and he's been busy since — meeting with board members, staff, parents, teachers and community leaders and organizations to familiarize himself with the district.

Although a challenge to get up to speed in a school district with almost three times the enrollment of the Bangor Area School District, where he was superintendent from 1999 to 2010, Reinhart said doesn't feel stress from anyone but himself.

"The pressure is more self-imposed," he said.

School officials have been vocal about tapping Reinhart to lead the district in a new direction after parting ways with former Superintendent Susan McGinley after a tenure marked by financial turmoil.

Given the district's current "challenging circumstances,"

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Food banks bracing for cuts in aid

MILLIONS WHO RECEIVE benefits in N.J. and Pa. will be affected.

BY SARAH PETERS
The Express-Times

PHILLIPSBURG | A federal program to help low-income families buy food will no longer get an infusion of stimulus cash in November, leading local nonprofits to expect a bigger demand for services when donations are already sparse.

Benefit increases to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, will end Oct. 31, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program will have used an estimated \$45.2 billion in stimulus funds since the increases began in April 2009, according to the USDA.

Helene Meissner, director of the NORWESCAP food bank program in Warren County, said the federal program is especially important at a time when food banks have less and less to offer the food

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SEYFRIED STRONG IN 'LOVELACE' FILM

Allentown native Amanda Seyfried gets impressive reviews for her portrayal of porn star Linda Lovelace in the new film "Lovelace," which traces the lurid but brief career of the "Deep Throat" star.



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NEW CHIEF IN BUSHKILL TWP.

Michael McLouth, a 16-year veteran of the Bushkill Township Police Department and a native of Middlesex County, N.J., shares his philosophy as he takes the reins as police chief in the Northampton County municipality.

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SEARCH ON FOR MISSING TODDLER

Police say they have arrested two men in a double homicide at a Rhode Island home and the abduction of a 2-year-old boy from the residence. The child remained missing Sunday night.

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DUFNER SECURES PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Jason Dufner made up for the heartache of the 2011 PGA Championship, when he lost a four-stroke lead. Dufner captured his first major title Sunday with a two-stroke victory over Jim Furyk at the PGA Championship at Oak Hill.

The final notes

Musikfest caps splendid 10-day run



EXPRESS-TIMES PHOTO | MATT SMITH

Bethlehem native Erick Macek performs at Levitt Pavilion on Sunday — the final day of Musikfest.

FIGURES WON'T BE AVAILABLE until later this week, but organizers said attendance likely was up.

BY PAMELA SROKA-HOLZMANN
The Express-Times

BETHLEHEM | Ten days. Hundreds of shows. Thousands of folks seeking a good time.

With Musikfest 2013 coming to an end Sunday night, ArtsQuest officials said the festival likely saw a slight increase in attendance over last year, but the 10-day festival might have been a wash financially.

The festival had set a standard of attracting more than 1.1 million visitors annually, but attendance in the last two years has been under 1 million. ArtsQuest officials estimated attendance was slightly up this year than in past years, but concrete figures would not be available until later in the week, said ArtsQuest spokesman Mark Demko.

He noted that this year's weather was a significant im-

MORE MUSIKFEST

Page A8: Ke\$ha puts on quite a show, but relies on prerecorded vocals.

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provement over the past few years. In 2011, the festival had flooding during the closing weekend.

"Looking at it as a whole, crowds were up slightly," Demko said. "Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time."

What attracted the crowds were such things as increasing children's activities and rides at the Banana Island section of Musikfest. Live entertainment that had been next to the island in 2012 was moved to Plaza Tropical.

In addition, Demko said 2013 was the first year street performances were held on

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HEAVY HORSEPOWER



EXPRESS-TIMES PHOTO | JIM MIDDLEKAUFF

Matt Pfeifer, left, of Easton, who owns the Corvette in the foreground, chats with Craig Ferguson, of Lopatcong Township, during the Vettes for Pets car show and benefit Sunday at Meuser Park in Wilson Borough. See a gallery of photos at lehighvalleylive.com/photos.

Buses won't run for some NCLB pupils

STUDENTS WHO DON'T attend home schools must ride on their own.

BY SARA K. SATULLO
The Express-Times

BETHLEHEM | When Bethlehem Area School District parent Naomi Stocker felt her son's home school was not meeting his needs, she was able to send him to another school under the No Child Left Behind Act.

"You get one shot in life at academics," said Stocker, of Freemansburg.

The federal act mandates that students who attend low-performing schools, those that do not meet benchmarks for two years in a row, can enroll in other schools within their district. The act requires dis-

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tricts to bus students to their new school.

But that may be changing. Pennsylvania has applied to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver to the act that would eliminate the mandated school choice, said Tim Eller, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The state education department notified districts of what the waiver would mean

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Find a review and photos of the Musikfest headliner's Sunday night performance and see photos of fans before the show at lehighvalleylive.com/musikfest.

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